

Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 17 October 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [REDACTED]

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General Smith:

a. Directed Mr. Wisner to serve as Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence until the return of Mr. Dulles; [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director Plans.

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b. Stated that in view of the coordinated DDP Staff set-up, coupled with the strengthening of high-level (PSB) arrangements for project approval, it was no longer necessary to have within CIA the separate project review committee which he had formerly considered desirable. He noted particularly the extreme difficulty of obtaining additional high quality personnel which would be required to man an effective internal project review committee. The Director sketched the procedure by which cold-war projects would be handled under the new arrangement, stressing that this applied only to cold war or [REDACTED] type" projects: Under DDP, the Special Review ("Murder") Board, upon which the Director will have a personal representative (presumably Mr. [REDACTED]) will pass upon a project and refer it to DDP. Mr. Wisner, if he approves, will transmit the project to the Director who in turn, if he approves, will place it before the high-level project review machinery of the PSB. The Director believed this high-level project board should consist of an officer of ambassadorial rank from the Department of State, General Magruder from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, a general officer representing the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his own representative, presumably [REDACTED]. He noted that the function of this high-level board would be to consider projects proposed by CIA or the other operating agencies as they related to the over-all programs and policies of the Departments of State and Defense and not to pass upon the operational details of such projects.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that General Lemnitzer who is to consult with him on the "Fourth Force" question in theaters of operation will be unable to see him until Wednesday afternoon. The Director asked that Mr. Wisner conduct preliminary discussions with General Lemnitzer and then bring the General in to see the Director at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, October 22.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd)

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d. Referred to the Director's instructions that our [REDACTED] programs should be reviewed and screened, and submitted terms of reference for this task. The Director approved these terms of reference with the amendment that it be clearly specified that such operations would not be carried out without the knowledge and approval of the local government except in those special cases where a decision is made to go along without local knowledge or even against local wishes.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Reported that Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget had spoken to him about a CIA clearance for [REDACTED] who, in handling his responsibilities with respect to [REDACTED] finds himself hampered by the lack of a CIA clearance. It was agreed after discussion that we would still oppose [REDACTED] clearance, though noting that this was not for security reasons.

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b. Noted that [REDACTED] is to see the Director this afternoon. He reported that [REDACTED] wished to lay before the Director his conviction that A-2 intelligence reports were tailored for budgetary reasons. The Director agreed that this was probably so but that he doubted that this was done otherwise than from honest conviction.

Mr. Becker:

a. Reported briefly on the disturbances in Indonesia.

b. Noted that the French were publicly debating the question of their alleged conversations with the Russians.

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